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FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, NATO
SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: FRG POSITION ON
VERIFICATION

1. WE NOTE THAT THE SPC HAS BEGUN TO ADDRESS FRG VIEWS ON VERIFICATION (REF USNATO 1797). WE SUGGEST THAT BEFORE THE ISSUE IS AGAIN FULLY JOINED IN BRUSSELS, WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH TO CONSIDER REQUESTING EMBASSY BONN TO HAVE AN INDEPTH DISCUSSION OF VERIFICATION WITH PERTINENT FRG OFFICIALS WITH A VIEW TO DEFINING POTENTIAL AREAS OF COMPROMISE. SUCH A DISCUSSION MIGHT SAVE TIME AND EFFORT IN WASHINGTON AND BRUSSELS AS REGARDS FURTURE DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC.

2. JUDGING ON THE BASIS OF CONVERSATIONS HERE WITH FRG OFFICIALS ROTH AND RUTH WHEN FRG ATTITUDE WILL BECOME CONSIDERABLY MORE FLEXIBLE IF VERIFICATION IS TAILORED FOR PHASE I ONLY, A LIMITATION WHICH MEET MAIN US INTEREST OF
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APPLYING VERIFICATION TO SOVIET FORCES. ROTH AND RUTH ALSO SEEMED

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WILLING TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF FIXED OBSERVATION POINTS ON MAIN TRANSPORT ROUTES FOR POST-WITHDRAWAL VERIFICATION AS LONG AS AREA IN WEST WAS NOT CONFINED TO TERRITORY OF FRG. FRG OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY ALSO WOULD BE WILLING TO ADD TO THIS TYPE OF INSPECTION THE CONCEPT OF ON-THE-SPOT INSPECTION BY CHALLENGE. POINT WHERE FRG NOW APPEARS TO DRAW THE LINE IS PERMANENT ROVING OBSERVERS WITH WIDE RIGHTS OF ACCESS.

3. NEITHER ROTH NOR RUTH BROUGHT UP ISSUE OF ACCESS TO NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS IN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH US AND WE HAD IMPRESSION THIS MAY NOT BE STRONG INTEREST OF FRG FOREIGN OFFICE. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW DEEP-SEATED FRG INTEREST IN VERIFICATION OF SOVIET TERRITORIES BY OBSERVERS REALLY MAY BE ROTH AND RUTH ADMITTED THAT SUCH VERIFICATION WOULD HAVE TO BE BASED ON SOME PRIOR SOVIET AGREEMENT TO SOME STABILIZING MEASURE OR OTHER LIMITATION AND WERE UNABLE TO SPECIFY WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND IN THIS REGARD.
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